

## POPULIST CONVENTIONS.

### Combinations of Silver Men Effected in Nearly Every County in the State.

The following ticket has been named by the Populists and other silver parties in Hamilton county: Sheriff, A. F. Zink; Clerk, E. M. Scott; Treasurer, W. P. Humphrey; Register, Mrs. Starkey; Coroner, A. L. Green; Surveyor, D. E. Hobbins.

Gove county Populists nominated the following ticket: Clerk, J. B. Beal; Treasurer, Jacob Tustin; Sheriff, C. Fuller; Register, J. A. Velen; Surveyor, A. R. Kerr; Commissioner, G. W. Smith. Messrs. Beal and Kerr are Democrats. The resolutions indorse the Abilene and St. Louis platforms, indorse the State administration and oppose government by injunction.

Graham county Populists have named the following ticket: Treasurer, G. S. Brown; Clerk, R. B. Garrett; Sheriff, D. C. Greenwood; Register, B. S. Smith; Surveyor, J. W. Rawson; Coroner, J. H. Conner; Commissioner, M. V. McKisson. The resolutions indorse the 1896 State and national platforms, indorse the good work of the Legislature and commend legislators who did all in their power to pass a maximum freight law.

The following ticket has been named in Douglas county by the Populists: Sheriff, T. P. Pine; Clerk, Wm. Draper; Register, A. S. Howard; Coroner, P. M. Lewis; Surveyor, T. C. Darling; Commissioner, W. W. Stewart. Messrs. Darling and Lewis are silver Republicans. The resolutions indorse the Omaha, St. Louis and Abilene platforms, indorse Senator Harris, pledge allegiance to bimetalism and express confidence in Bryan, condemn government by injunction, indorse Governor Leedy and commend the management of the State Agricultural College.

In Osborne county the Populists passed resolutions indorsing the St. Louis platform, expressing harmony with the Chicago platform, declaring silver to still be the leading issue, ridiculing the idea that the Dingley bill has improved the times, indorsing Governor Leedy and Superintendent McNall, commending the good work of the Legislature and denouncing the boodlers, and indorsing Populist county officers. The following ticket was named: Treasurer, B. J. Roy; Sheriff, Henry Wismiller; Register, Edwin Lipton; Clerk, D. J. Sparks; Surveyor, J. G. Rouser; Coroner, Dr. J. M. Fallis; Commissioner, D. M. Stoner.

Jefferson county silver men have agreed on the following ticket: Clerk, M. M. Maxwell; Register, M. S. Jones; Treasurer, Walter Ferguson; Sheriff, John Williamson; Surveyor, John Ijams, Jr.; Coroner, Doctor Youngman; Commissioner, Ed McGuire. Ex-Representative Gest was Chairman of the convention and George Harman was Secretary. The resolutions indorse Bryan's teachings, indorse Governor Leedy, point with pride to the work of the Legislature and its exposure of its own members, indorse the enactment of the school book law, stock yards law and similar measures and indorse Representative Marks' record.

Anderson county Populists have named this ticket: Treasurer, J. W. Shields; Sheriff, Joe Agnew; Register, J. D. Walrad; Clerk, H. H. Bolson; Surveyor, W. J. Brinkley; Coroner, Doctor Splawn; Commissioner, J. J. Anderson. Shields is a silver Republican and Agnew is a Democrat. The resolutions reaffirm the St. Louis and Omaha platforms, indorse Governor Leedy and his veto of the Senate bill, indorse Boyle and McNall, oppose government by injunction, demand postal banks of deposit as a result of local experiences, and denounce Republicans for endeavoring to use the results of foreign crop shortage to enhance party prestige.

Woodson county Populists have named the following ticket, which the Yates Center Advocate heartily commends: Clerk, R. J. McGinnis; Sheriff, M. E. Hunt; Treasurer, H. Jeffries; Register, W. L. MacIsaac; Surveyor, L. N. Tallman; Coroner, Doctor Hearn; Commissioner, W. P. Lytle. The convention was participated in by the Democrats and silver Republicans. The resolutions urge the necessity of union of reformers, indorse the St. Louis and Chicago platforms, denounce the Dingley tariff law,

commend Leedy, Boyle and McNall, rejoice over the passage of many good laws by the last Legislature and the attendant saving to the people.

Meade county Populists have named the following ticket: Sheriff, F. C. Judd; Treasurer, D. B. Stutsman; Register, Mrs. Peed; Clerk, S. D. Adams; Surveyor, Oliver Norman; Coroner, Theo. Wolfley; Commissioner, John Conrad. Chairman C. G. Allen, of the Resolutions committee, reported and secured the adoption of resolutions favoring government issue of money, indorsing the Declaration of Independence, favoring postal savings banks, free coinage of silver and the independence of Cuba, denounce election corruption, favoring cooperation on the money question, nominating Bryan for President in 1900, and indorsing Leedy, Boyle and McNall.

Doniphan county Populists held the greatest convention in the history of the party in that county and named the following ticket: Treasurer, Charles Campbell; Sheriff, J. A. Dunning; Register, W. M. Gillen; Clerk, E. B. Dolly; Surveyor, Hugh Tinkler; Coroner, A. Herring; Commissioner, Joseph Symms. The resolutions indorse the 1896 State and national platforms, declare that while some desired aggressive legislation was not enacted the Legislature passed many good bills, indorse the State administration and especially Boyle and McNall, indorse Senator Harris and severely arraign the present administration of county government of Doniphan county.

The Populist convention in Montgomery county was a very lively one. A contest from Coffeyville led to dissatisfaction which resulted in a number of delegates leaving the convention. The resolutions indorse the St. Louis platform, indorse Governor Leedy, McNall, Boyle and Stryker, indorse the last Legislature for passing many good laws and indorse the initiative and referendum. The ticket is as follows: Sheriff, S. B. Squires; Clerk, D. S. James; Treasurer, E. B. Skinner; Commissioner, J. H. Olthoff; Register, M. D. Wright; Surveyor, J. N. Sandefur; Coroner, J. S. H. Bump. The last four are Democrats. No agreement was reached at the convention as to Commissioner.

### Facts and Figures.

There are still a number of papers in the State, and one in Manhattan, which assert at every opportunity that the Kansas State Agricultural College is losing students, or has not made gains proportionate to the gains of the past. A few facts taken from the college records show the true situation.

During the past seventeen years, that is, during the Presidency of Rev. George T. Fairchild, the attendance increased annually by less than twenty-seven students.

During the last half dozen years the average annual growth was less than thirty-one.

During the Presidency of George T. Fairchild there were decreases in attendance in five different years.

The total attendance of undergraduates for the three terms of the last college year was 688. The assignments reported last year at the first meeting of the faculty were 522. At the corresponding time this year the attendance was 572; that is, fifty above the attendance of last year.

The attendance of undergraduates on Saturday noon, October 2, 1897, was 602; that is: preparatory, 79; first year, 229; second year, 141; third year, 70; fourth year, 81; special, 2; total, 602.

The total attendance of post graduates six years ago was ten, and last year forty-six.

The number of post graduates enrolled this year is already above this number, though it is not possible to give the number positively, as many post graduates are not resident, but study by correspondence, and they are not always prompt to obtain positive assignments at the beginning of the year. So far, over sixty have written for work in the different departments, or have sent in requests for definite assignments to courses in reading.

These numbers represent facts, and ought to speak for themselves where facts are wanted.

The Advocate prints more Populist State and general news than any other paper in the country. Call your neighbor's attention to this fact and ask him to subscribe.

## Editorial Gossip.

Twelve suicides were reported in New York City on the first day of this month.

The Chinese government is negotiating with American bankers for a loan to pay the war indemnity to Japan.

When Henry George was a candidate for Mayor ten years ago, he received 68,000 votes and ran second in the race.

Gen. Thomas L. Clingman, of North Carolina, once a member of Congress, then a United States Senator and afterwards a Confederate General, is now in the asylum for the insane at Morgantown, N. C.

Farmers in portions of middle Tennessee are confronted with a very serious and disastrous drought. There has been no rain for seven weeks, water is very scarce and supplies have failed in many localities for the first time in twenty-five years.

A suit brought two years ago by Henry C. Smith against the Lake Shore Railway Company, involving the validity of an act passed by the Legislature of 1891 compelling railroads to issue a 1,000 mile ticket good for any member of a family for \$20, has just been sustained by the State Supreme court, which decides that the Legislature has the power to enact such a law.

Mr. Fitch, Democrat, accepting the Republican nomination for Comptroller of Greater New York, wrote: "The position which I took with men in the Democracy whom I most respect against the election of Mr. Bryan I adhere to most firmly. I would rather be defeated on that position than elected by any compromise of it. I, therefore, accept your nomination with thanks."

Two New York boys, aged 11 and 12 years, played circus. One stuffed cotton, saturated with benzine, into his mouth and set a lighted match to it; the other "swallowed a sword" by pushing a twelve-inch silver paper cutter down his throat. No. 1 was terribly burned and will lose both his eyes; No. 2 severed a large vein, blood spurted from his mouth, and there was no hope for his recovery.

Charges of blasphemy have been preferred by some over-zealous Christians at Akron, Ohio, against the new postmaster at that place. They say that in a public speech he said: "We cannot have other than prosperity with God and the Republican party training together under the leadership of William McKinley." The presumptions are in favor of the postmaster. He only desired to say something nice in consideration of securing four years' employment.

A lawsuit has been commenced at Memphis, Tenn., on a charge of defamation of character through the following epitaph on a tombstone: "L. B. son of J. C. and L. J. Cate. Born April 10, 1870. Married Willie Freeman, December 21, 1887. Was shot and killed by Bill Penic, December 11, 1896; caused by Penic swearing to a lie on Cate's wife. Aged 26 years, 8 months and 1 day." Penic had been tried for an offense and was acquitted. Now he wants damages for this writing against him.

Forest and prairie fires have started in Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. Near Huntington, Ind., farmers are out with plows tearing up the ground around farm houses and buildings to prevent the fires from reaching and destroying them. The dense smoke that rises from the forest fires is almost unbearable. Kenosha county, Wisconsin, is in great danger. Large quantities of hay and other materials have been destroyed, while acres of corn, stubbles and fences have been burned. The progress of the flames seems to be slow but steady. So far the damage will reach into thousands.

Fraudulent deeds to about a million acres of land in McDowell county, West Virginia, have lately been put on record there. There are only 60,000 acres in the county. Nearly every week strangers arrive at the county seat with deeds for thousands of acres of land, which show all straight on record, but cannot be located outside of the book. It is believed that a gigantic scheme of fraud is being perpetrated in the large Eastern and Western cities by a gang of swindlers who prepare a deed for a certain tract, generally coal land, have it acknowledged before a fictitious notary public in some far-off State, send it to the County Clerk of McDowell county for record, directing the Clerk to send

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### Abuse of Militia Uncalled For.

Topeka papers have said many things in the past week reflecting on the State militia, both individually and as a body of men. In a few instances the individual criticisms were merited. It would be surprising indeed if in a body of 1,200 young men there were not some who were not creditable to the others. It is not right to reflect on all because of the shortcomings of a few. Of the same number of young men, no matter how carefully selected, there would not be a greater percentage who were well behaved and decorous. It is barely possible that Topeka papers, which have seldom exhibited a marked disposition to do justice to Populist officers, were led into their disposition to criticize because of the fact that the leading officers in charge of the militia were Populists. These officers spared no pains to preserve order and discipline, although they were hampered in their efforts by the disposition on the part of some of the fair grounds police to be over-officious and aggravating. A little of this sort of thing goes a long way in stirring up strife among young men. Generals McCrum and Garver and Adjutant General Allen do not condone the misconduct of militiamen, but they do not think it justice to their men that they should all be held accountable for breaches of discipline and misconduct on the part of a very few. These papers should also bear in mind that these young men left more money in the city than it cost to bring them here, and that they brought a large number of their friends and admirers with them. These papers should remember that these young men are citizens of Kansas and that Topeka should have their friendship. These men and officers were without a cent of recompense or pay, leaving their work at home and losing much valuable time to help afford entertainment for the visitors to the Festival.

The statement that \$1,200 was paid to the officers of the militia is incorrect. They were provided with transportation and a few minor necessities, such as wood, straw, water and horses, for which the Festival committee got \$500, but no money was paid by the committee to any of the militia officers.

Peanuts may be baked and served as a vegetable. Remove the skins from the meats and put one cupful into an earthen baking dish. Pour over them two pints of boiling water, cover the dish with a plate, and place it in a moderately cool oven and bake from four to five hours or until the nuts are tender. When the nuts are partly cooked season them with salt and stir among them a teaspoonful of butter.

The Advocate and B. O. Flower's new magazine, New Time, for \$1.50 per year.